

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Executive Session

January 20, 1988

On motion by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, January 20, 1988, at 10:00 a.m., in Jackson, Mississippi to hold a closed determination to determine if an executive session was necessary to discuss a personnel matter at Mississippi Valley State University and a legal matter at Jackson State University. Members present were William H. Austin, Jr., Thomas D. Bourdeaux, Frank O. Crothwait, Jr., Bryce Griffis, Will A. Hickman, Charles Jacobs, Jr., William M. Jones, John R. Lovelace, Diane Miller, Denton Rogers, Jr., Sidney L. Rushing, George T. Watson, and Betty A. Williams.

On motion by Dr. Lovelace, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, January 20, 1988, that an executive session was in order to discuss the presidency at Mississippi Valley State University and the legal case styled Ridley vs. Edwards.

Dr. Joe L. Boyer, President, Mississippi Valley State University, presented a report summarizing the activities affecting Mississippi Valley State University in recent years and the condition of the Mississippi Valley State University presidency.

The attached written statement on the Employment Status of Joe L. Boyer from the Mississippi Valley State University National Alumni Association was presented to members of the Board of Trustees.

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously that the resignation of Dr. Joe L. Boyer, President of Mississippi Valley State University, be accepted. Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Bourdeaux, Mr. Crothwait, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Hickman, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Jones, Dr. Lovelace, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Rushing, Mr. Watson, and Mrs. Williams. Mr. Austin was absent.

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously that in view of Dr. Boyer's resignation, to reassign Dr. Boyer to the Office of the Commissioner for such duties as the Commissioner assigns to him during the remaining period of his contract, and that at the appropriate time the Commissioner of Higher Education will recommend to the Board of Trustees an interim president. Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Bourdeaux, Mr. Crothwait, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Hickman, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Jones, Dr. Lovelace, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Rushing, Mr. Watson, and Mrs. Williams. Mr. Austin was absent.

Ms. Gail Lowery of the Office of the Attorney General, Universities Division, presented a report on the legal case styled Ridley vs. Edwards.

On motion by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, the Board voted to authorize the Office of the Attorney General to seek settlement in the legal case styled Ridley vs. Edwards by offering up to three semesters of tuition, room, and board at Jackson State University. Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Bourdeaux, Mr. Crothwait, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Hickman, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Jones, Dr. Lovelace, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Rushing, Mr. Watson, and Mrs. Williams. Mr. Austin was absent.

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mr. Watson, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, January 20, 1988, to return to open session.

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mr. Watson, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, January 20, 1988, at 1:30 p.m., in Jackson, Mississippi, to hold a closed determination to determine if an executive session was necessary to discuss a personnel matter at

the Office of the Attorney General, Universities Division. Members present were William H. Austin, Jr., Thomas D. Bourdeaux, Frank O. Crosthwait, Jr., Bryce Griffis, Will A. Hickman, Charles Jacobs, Jr., William M. Jones, John R. Lovelace, Diane Miller, Denton Rogers, Jr., Sidney L. Rushing, George T. Watson, and Betty A. Williams.

On motion by Dr. Lovelace, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, January 20, 1988, that an executive session was in order to discuss the personnel and operations of the Office of the Attorney General, Universities Division.

Attorney General Mike Moore presented a report concerning the Office of the Attorney General, Universities Division, and his philosophy concerning the provision of legal services.

On motion by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Bourdeaux, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, January 20, 1988, to return to open session.

Executive Secretary

Approved:

President

January 20, 1988

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Mississippi Valley State University
National Alumni Association

SUBJECT: Employment status of Joe L. Boyer

As it relates to the future employment status and present professional performance of Dr. Joe L. Boyer, President of Mississippi Valley State University, the Mississippi Valley State University National Alumni Association puts forth the following resolution:

WHEREAS Dr. Joe L. Boyer was sought, interviewed, and approved by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and later employed as competent, and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Valley State University fiscal conditions were noted by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning as being unacceptable prior to and at the time of employment of Dr. Joe L. Boyer, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe L. Boyer has moved rapidly to improve the fiscal condition,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Mississippi Valley State University National Alumni Association stands in support of the continued employment of Dr. Joe L. Boyer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mississippi Valley State University National Alumni Association respectfully requests the Board of Trustees to grant increased and adequate funding for the operation of Mississippi Valley State University.